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Council secures £513,000 from government to tackle rough sleeping



Photo by Martin Dalton

SUPPORT: People will engage with those sleeping rough and help them to access the services and care they need says Cllr Tony Cox

A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS

by Michael Cox

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THE Government has assigned more than £500,000 further funding to tackle rough sleeping in Southend.

The cash, totalling around £513,000, has been awarded from its Rough Sleeping Initiative and is the third separate award to Southend Council in less than a year.

The latest sum will be spent on "a range of services", a council spokesman said.

This includes £230,000 to charity HARP to continue its "sit-up" service, which gives them a place to stay overnight before being connected to support services the following day.

There will also be around £180,000 for six outreach workers, as well as money towards a council rough sleeping co-ordinator, clinical health support, and for the Church Winter Night Shelter scheme.

Cllr Tony Cox, cabinet member for adults and housing, said: "No one should have to sleep without

a roof over their head, so I'm really pleased the government has recognised the ongoing need to supply local authorities with additional funds to tackle the issue of people sleeping rough.

"The money will be spent improving on and extending schemes and services we have introduced over the past 12 months to help alleviate the issue.

"I think it's important to note that the majority of the money will be spent on employing people to be out on the streets speaking and engaging directly with those

sleeping rough and helping them access the services and care they need."

The *Yellow Advertiser* reported earlier this year on Government figures that showed Southend had the second largest year-on-year fall in the number of rough sleepers from 2017 to 2018.

A one-night snapshot counted 11 rough sleepers in 2018, compared to 72 the year before.

Cllr Cox said this showed the work being done was "having an impact", but recognised the fall was only a reflection of one night.

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Drug user convicted of knife murder of relative

by Michael Cox

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A SOUTHEND woman has been convicted of murdering a relative at his home in south-east London.

Kerry Donovan, 29, of Pantile Avenue, was found guilty of the murder of Leroy Junior Edwards at the Old Bailey on Tuesday, March 19 following a trial.

Mr Edwards, 66, was fatally stabbed at his address in Ringstead Road, Lewisham, in the early hours of August 18. A second person was also convicted of his killing.

Aaron Woolcock, 30, of Lewisham, was found guilty of manslaughter and found not guilty of murder.

The court heard that on the day of the killing, Donovan and Woolcock, both distant relatives of Mr Edwards, had gone to his address.

An argument took place and Mr Edwards was stabbed several times; Donovan and Woolcock fled the scene.

A neighbour reported that he heard banging coming from upstairs and left his flat to find a trail of blood that led to Mr Edwards' door.

Police attended, along with the London Ambulance Service, and entry was forced to Mr Edwards' flat.



MURDER: Kerry Donovan

Mr Edwards was found inside, with a large knife on the floor next to him. He was taken to a south London hospital where he died a short time later.

A post-mortem examination gave the cause of death as stab wounds to the neck and chest.

During a search of the scene, a purse was recovered and police found it contained a driver's licence and bank cards in the name of Kerry Donovan.

Police enquiries revealed that Donovan, who was known to visit Mr Edwards' address, was in financial



MANSLAUGHTER: Aaron Woolcock

difficulties and was a habitual user of Class A and B drugs.

On August 19, police arrested Donovan in Basildon on suspicion of murder and she was charged two days later. Witnesses reported seeing two people leave the flat following the altercation and, after CCTV enquiries, the second person was traced.

Woolcock was arrested on September 20 and charged with murder.

Donovan and Woolcock will be sentenced at the Old Bailey on April 18.

Det Sgt Brian Jones, of the Met's



VICTIM: Leroy Junior Edwards

Homicide and Major Crime Command, said: "We may never know exactly why Mr Edwards was killed.

"Whatever the motive, this led to the senseless death of a family man of good character in the home where he had lived for over 25 years. His family described him as a 'quiet, non-confrontational man who liked to be at home'.

"Woolcock and Donovan now face the consequences of their actions and I hope their conviction will give some solace to Mr Edwards' family and friends."

NEWS IN BRIEF

● A SKATE park will open in Southend this summer, says Southend Council.

Work is set to start in May on the Warrior Square facility.

The announcement comes after the proposed design was approved by the council's planning team.

A spokesman said the design of the park was created after consulting with the town's skating, scooter and BMX community.

Deputy leader, Cllr James Courtenay, said: "We are confident the facility will help promote active and healthy lifestyles within Southend."

● AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into the cause of a house fire in Southend.

Essex fire brigade was called to Old Southend Road at 9.25am on Thursday, with reports of a fire in the stairwell of a three-storey home.

Firefighters put out the blaze by 10.30am and contained it to the stairwell.

Some rooms suffered smoke and fire damage.

A fire service spokesman said: "The cause of the fire is unknown at this stage."

● SOUTHEND Foodbank is running a campaign for donations.

The Adlent campaign is encouraging people to collect one item of food for each day of Lent.

The charity says most needed items include tinned potatoes and fish.

Anyone can donate at 484 Southchurch Road or by visiting <https://southend.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>.

● REMEMBER that the clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday, March 31 as British Summer Time begins.

CEO leaves hospice after 18 years as it announces review



MOVING ON: Andy Smith

Photo: Anna Lukala

THE BOSS of Havens Hospices has stepped down.

CEO Andy Smith is to leave the charity after more than 18 years as its figurehead.

A Havens spokesman said the move had been made "following a period of discussion with the trustees about the leadership of the organisation and the management of its directors".

The charity is in the process of a multi-million pound project to build a new adult hospice in Prittlewell to

replace the current Fair Havens Hospice in Westcliff.

The spokesman added: "This decision will afford Andy the opportunity to pursue other work and aspirations at this stage in his career and it will allow the trustees to make decisions and move the organisation forward in accordance with their aims.

"The trustees have expressed their thanks and gratitude to Andy for his long period of leadership of the organisation.

"Andy has likewise expressed his very best wishes for the future of Havens Hospices. The trustees will now take the opportunity to review and develop the responsibilities of the charity's management and governance."

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War veteran 'living again' in own home

A BLIND 98-year-old Second World War veteran who became embroiled in a High Court battle because he wanted to leave a care facility has told a judge how he is "living again" after returning home.

Former Royal Navy gunner Douglas Meyers, who lives near Southend, said he was unhappy in the care facility and wanted to end his life in the bungalow which was his home for 40 years.

Earlier this year, Mr Justice Hayden decided that Mr Meyers, a widower who served in the Italian and north African theatres during the 1940s, might be able to return home.

The judge, who analysed evidence at a trial in the Family Division of the High Court in Southend, said the "ideal solution" would be for Mr Meyers to return home with a "suitable package of support".

He is now overseeing developments at follow-up hearings in London.



VICTORY: Douglas Meyers

Photo: Yui Mok/PA Wire

Social services bosses at Southend Council have welfare responsibility for Mr Meyers and had asked the judge to make a decision about what was in the veteran's best interests.

Lawyers representing the council told Mr Justice Hayden at a follow-up hearing last week that Mr Meyers had returned home.

Mr Meyers has now spoken to the judge from home via a tele-

phone link at a further hearing. He said he was enjoying being back in his bungalow and added: "I have had eight days of living again."

Mr Justice Hayden told Mr Meyers that he had to be pleasant to social workers and carers visiting him home and co-operate with them.

The judge said he wanted the pensioner to smile at helpers "until your teeth hurt".



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Pop-up art gallery at the Royals

COLLEGE students are displaying their artwork at a shop in Southend.

Art students at South Essex College are using an empty shop in the Royals Shopping Centre as an exhibition space.

The shop, next to Card Factory, has been occupied by the college's BA (Hons) fine

art degree students on Fridays and Saturdays since earlier this month.

The latest group to showcase their work is the course's second year students.

The college said one of the project's aims is for students to work collaboratively and to engage with an unfamiliar space.

Course leader, Matthew Chambers, said it was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their work.

He said: "This project is an innovative way to make use of a unit that would otherwise be unoccupied and also gives our students the chance to get involved with a real-life exhibition.

"I'd encourage people to come down and have a look for themselves."

A second group of year two students will be exhibiting between 2 and 5pm on Friday, March 29 and between 11am and 2pm on Saturday, March 30.

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by Michael Cox

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A MIXED martial arts programme in Southend aimed at helping young offenders or those at risk of offending is having a "real impact".

The initiative is being run from Southend Combat Academy, in Grainger Road, where 12 to 18-year-olds attend twice a week during a six-week course.

Southend Council and the office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (PFCC) are working with the academy on the scheme – the latter has provided funding of £5,000.

Once they have completed the six-week course, the youngsters are given free access to the academy for three months in the hope they continue.

From the first group of young people who participated in the programme, 80 per cent attend the academy regularly with the figure at 70 per cent of the second group.

PFCC Roger Hirst said the programme is "making a real impact" on the lives of young people in Southend.

"By channelling their energies we can keep them away from antisocial behaviour and from being preyed upon by gangs," he said.

Kirsty Horseman, project manager for the council's sports and leisure services, works closely with its early help family support and youth offending service and approached the academy to create the programme.

She said: "A lot of the young people the early help family support and youth offending service are working with have issues with anger and so we wanted to try to channel that in a positive way to help break the cycle of

Mixed martial arts help keep young from gangs



FIGHT CLUB: Kirsty Horseman, left, gym owner Simon Dempsey, Kirsty Smith from PFCC and Cllr Leslie Salter

offending some of these young people are in or are heading for."

Academy head coach, Simon Dempsey, felt that its role is to help youngsters achieve their potential.

"We command their respect pretty quickly and they have six weeks to turn things around and get their future back," he said.

"We challenge them. If they are

feeling angry or aggressive, they can come here and channel it in a positive and safe environment.

"It gets them off the street where they might otherwise be getting caught

up in trouble and it gives them an emotional and physical outlet."

A spokesman for the commissioner's office said the hope is for the course to be recognised by the courts and offered as a legal intervention, rather than the voluntary status it currently has.

Simon said participants need to surround themselves with "more positive peers", adding success happens when they "change as people".

"This programme is not about teaching young people to fight better on the streets; our regime instils a profound sense of discipline, order, self-control, and respect, and reduces the risks of young people getting into trouble. We want to capture them before they have a story to tell. We want to change their futures rather than having to put things right they have already done wrong."

The service was described as "vital" by Cllr Tony Cox, cabinet member for adults and housing.

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What if it had all been a dream?

ON the day after the EU referendum, when the result was announced, I was in a state of shock. I really couldn't believe it.

Then within a few minutes I had a rueful chuckle to myself as it sank in that 17.4 million people had shown more bottle than me in voting to leave.

I had voted remain, not out of any faith in the European Union - from the signing of the Maastricht Treaty in 1992 it had struck me that this was going beyond what had originally been a trade partnership - and economically by 2016 it was looking decidedly dodgy and precarious.

There will come a point where so many member countries will expect their creaking economies to be propped up that it will just become unsustainable.

But I still voted remain because, as I have said before, I knew how my own industry, the regional press, would react to us leaving - and they didn't need any more excuses to decimate editorial departments. I feared it happening to colleagues - I have seen too many talented people forced to leave journalism altogether since 2008 - and I feared it happening to me.

So I opted for cowardice. That it made no difference to the end result inwardly delighted me, but had it gone the other way I wouldn't have thought twice about it because that's how democracy works.

The shenanigans of the past three years has done nothing but strengthen my resolve that we need to get out of that corrupt boys' club as soon as humanly possible. I was already convinced before the European Army idea, but that really was the final straw.

As for our Parliament, many have shown a complete disregard for the referendum result, even though they stood in a general election less than a year later on manifestos that promised to abide by the decision.

It has become apparent that a disturbing proportion of our elected representatives only believe in the democratic process if it goes their way - and they're not alone.

The House of Commons has turned into a rowdy playground with a remainder Prime Minister flogging the dead horse that is the worst deal in the history of deals (actually, it's a legally binding international treaty, which is even worse. We haven't got to the deal part yet) and a petulant leader of the Opposition who will sit with Hamas, Hezbollah and the IRA, but not with alpha TIG Chuka Umunna.

I wouldn't trust the guy to run me a bath, nevermind the country.

Neither the Labour nor Tory party will ever be the same again and the next general election will either be the lowest turnout ever with

people completely sick of all of them or, as I hope, a show of strength from the populace in prompting a clear out of the wasters and wazzocks responsible for the shambolic way our country has been turned into a laughing stock.

At some point the chickens will come home to roost and then something drastic will need to be done to resuscitate British politics.

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David Cameron agreed to the calls for a referendum because he thought he could kill two birds with one stone - the country would vote to remain and he could negate the threat UKIP was starting to pose to his party.

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And if he had known that Brexit would shatter an already cracked British politics and divide the nation so profoundly he would surely not have gone ahead with it.

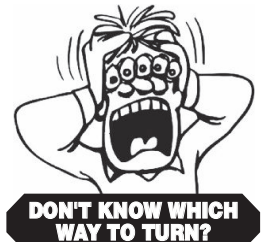
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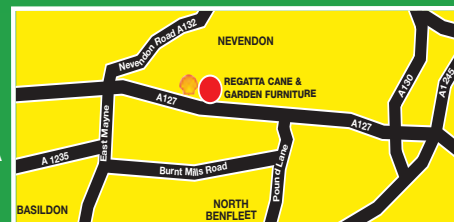
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Criminal logic

IT'S always interesting to read letters from Paul Martin and Keith Knight and I always consider the views of others like them who are unable to apply a little logic that would enable them to find a solution to many of today's problems.

Mr Martin is still suggesting that he knows all the answers on Brexit and that no one else has a clue.

We should leave the EU without a deal and this will allow the UK to become a free country again instead of being controlled by those that never really liked us in the first place.

We have seen recent evidence of how the EU controls the UK because we have to get their permission to leave and they are just playing with us.

The only reason that the EU want us to stay in their club is because of the money and the fact that another attempt at a military takeover is not a option.

Other countries, including some that are not even part of Europe, have been suckered into joining the failing club and others will follow the UK's lead if we ever manage to leave.

Our Parliament is a laughing stock, but the Prime Minister is not to blame. She has done her very best to provide for the referendum result.

It is the opposition parties and some of her own Tory backstabbers who are to blame by putting their own agendas before their duty to represent the country.

So Mr Martin, get a life and live with the result.

As for Mr Knight, my logic is

that crime should be punished and if some can be rehabilitated then let's do it.

However, let's set the punishment to fit the crime so every would-be criminal knows what will happen.

Build more secure prisons and make them earn their keep. Take any savings they have to pay for their accommodation, the same as the Government does to the elderly when placed in a home.

Consideration should also be made for the return of the death penalty for some crimes that involve rape and taking a life, especially of young children.

Criminals don't care so they should be treated the same and not defended for their crimes by social workers.

*Keith Little
Benfleet*

Local plan farce

IT is now over four months since Castle Point borough's third attempt in this long running saga to produce a local plan was voted down by CLIP and some strong willed Tory councillors.

You may remember when, on November 28, the CEO, council planners and senior Tory councillors' proposal was to take the green belt out of the local plan.

Sneaky or what? Basically, with Persimmon already waiting in the wings, the proposal, if it had been approved, would see the borough's remaining green belt being destroyed.

It is green belt land for obvious reasons - helping to save global warming being one of them - quite important when one looks at the picture for the future.

You may also remember that

previous attempts to build on Castle Point's green belt land and with subsequent developer appeals was voted out by the SOS and HCs.

Do all of these rejections mean anything at all?

Council votes have also overturned previous proposals to build on green belt.

With government intervention pending what will happen now - I suppose that's anyone's guess.

I expect there have already been lots of secret meetings taking place, but not an ounce of information from Kiln Road - par for the course really.

It seems odd that other boroughs who have failed to produce a local plan but now with government leadership have already made progress.

So who will be given the responsibility of helping to progress Castle Point's local plan - no doubt council planners and senior Tory councillors - back to where we started, the ones who are determined and for whatever reasons to give our green belt away.

Our elected councillors should be kept in the loop so that information can be passed on to constituents. Isn't that how it's supposed to work?

The government has updated the NPPF to give guidelines to councils, the councils have no excuse just to build on green belt.

The council, with government leadership, is strongly urged to exhaust all other options for development. Let's hope that this is now the case in Castle Point.

Perhaps this all could have been done better instead of wasting hundreds of thousand pounds of residents' council tax money

on failed planning.

Will Castle Point take any heed? I doubt it. Certain leading borough officials have an unshakable mindset to build on the green belt, especially Jotmans Farm (sorry, I mean land west of Benfleet) and congested Canvey Island.

Surely all and sundry are not waiting for Brexit, borough and county elections to be concluded before any more progress is made?

In the UK we are meant to elect politicians to represent us, not lead us. As with Brexit and Castle Point's local plan, it is all an expensive farce with personal egos and aims at the forefront.

*Mr T J Smith
South Benfleet*

EU has failed us

MR Martin (YA Letters, March 22) claims that lack of knowledge of how the EU works and the wishful thinking of delusional MPs and stupid Brexiters is why Brexit should fail.

We should only heed the highly intelligent, undemocratic Remainers' advice that the only way forward is by clinging onto the EU's coat tails, because the UK is incapable of surviving in the world without them.

Oh to be so all knowing.

He says stronger EU economies have bent over backwards

to accommodate us. Does he mean Italy, which is in recession or Germany and France who are not far behind.

Doing a deal with the EU wasn't mentioned in the referendum, this is just another ploy by the remain camp to bring down Brexit. If a meaningful deal needed to be done, it should have been negotiated by a Brexiteer not a Remainer who would willingly submit to anything. A chimpanzee could have negotiated a better deal.

164 countries trade under WTO rules and they seem to manage okay, so why shouldn't we?

There are 28 countries in the EU and the rise in anti-EU parties points to the fact it is not only the UK that wishes to leave, Holland being the latest, with the FvD party (Forum For Democracy) winning most votes in their Upper House of Parliament plunging the country and EU leadership into crisis. Not that the media will make this common knowledge.

Why oh why do we want to continue in this failing enterprise?

I cannot understand anyone wishing to stay in a union that is intent on taking a country's sovereignty and identity and turning Europe into an empire, which would be run for globalists' by their puppets Macron, Merkel, Tusk etc. and who have made it perfectly clear

where they want to lead Europe. For it to be led by unelected, unaccountable people immune to prosecution over any of their deeds, finances unaccounted for, with one leader, one finance minister and a smaller council of members is not a good idea. Tax breaks for the rich, higher taxes for the peasants, as Macron has already introduced, hence the civil troubles in France.

Macron's statement about Brexit says it all: "Brexit is not a negotiation, it is a political lesson to those who wish to leave the European superstate and reclaim independence."

Then there is the European Army; why do they want an army? Who are they wanting to fight? Last year Russia doubled its investment in AI weaponry (robotic warfare); are they racing with China and America in this field or are they worried about the monster forming on their doorstep? Only time will tell.

As for my "sunny uplands" perhaps Mr Martin should reflect on parts of one of Churchill's speeches "...may be free and move into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail.. all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age".

There are only two types of people who wish to remain in the EU, the very rich and the very foolish.

K. Knight, Basildon

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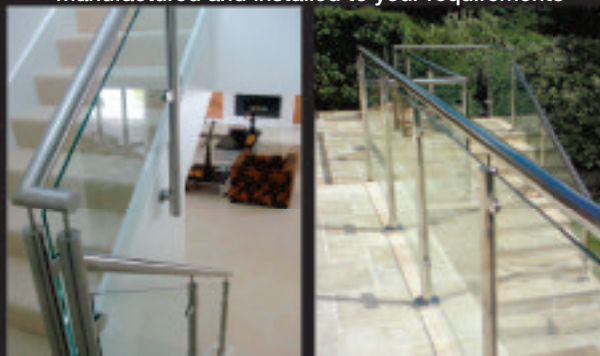
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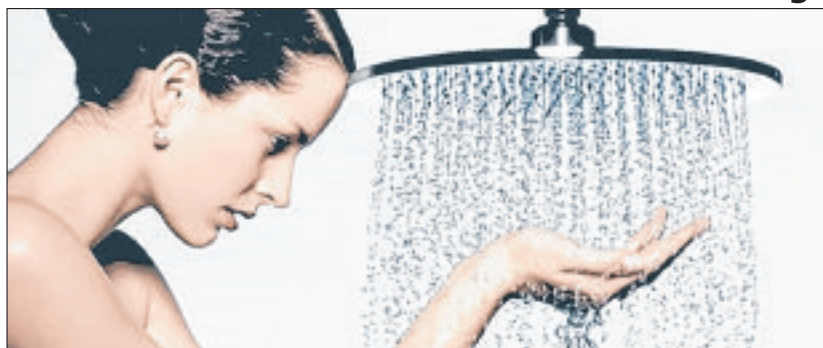
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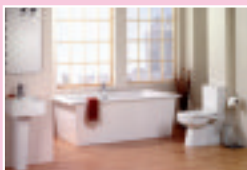
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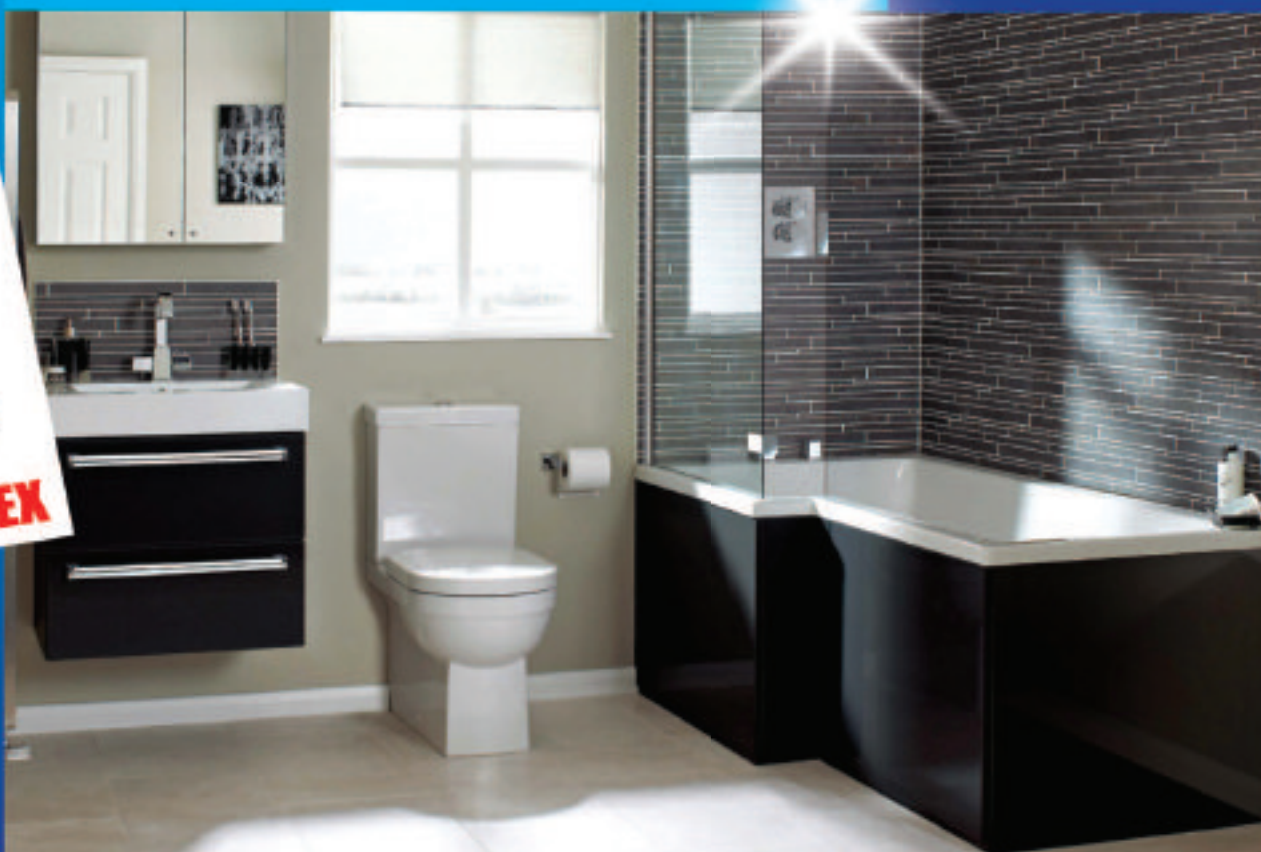
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LIFESTYLE

STRICTLY STARS GO TO THE MOVIES

FOR two years, husband and wife duo, Aljaž Škorjanec and Janette Manrara, stars from TV's *Strictly Come Dancing*, bewitched audiences in their show, *Remembering Fred*, dedicated to Fred Astaire.

It was an original idea of Steven Howard, from the TCB Group, whose recent productions have also included *Rip It Up: The 50s*, starring Natalie Lowe, Jay McGuinness and Louis Smith, and *Rip It Up: the 60s*, starring Louis Smith, Harry Judd and Aston Merrygold. Now Howard, together with show director Gareth Walker, has dreamed up *Remembering The Movies*, which offers a much larger canvas on which to draw.

Says Janette: "We met him over dinner and as soon as he mentioned *Remembering Fred*, we knew we had a little gem on our hands."

They feel just the same about this new venture which reaches Southend's Cliffs Pavilion on Sunday, April 28.

So which movies can the audience expect to see represented on stage?

"We had to do *The Greatest Showman* and *La La Land*," says Janette, "because they're modern classics. Then there's *Singin' In The Rain*, *Chicago* and *Cabaret*. One of the most exciting segments is a James Bond section. Aljaž is going to be the most handsome Bond ever. And we couldn't not include romantic films like *Casablanca* and *Titanic*."

Performing live is a completely different experience, adds Janette, from appearing in front of a *Strictly* studio audience.

"You have the idea in the back of your mind of all those millions of people in front of their TVs at home. But nothing compares to the buzz from a live audience in a theatre."

Aljaž agrees. "No two performances are the same. Without quite realising it, you feed off the people in the auditorium and each audience is different. Each one is unique, each show is one moment in time."

But all the tours and personal appearances would never have happened, of course, if it hadn't been for the biggest show on British TV.

"We both joined *Strictly* in 2013," says Janette, "and it changed our lives completely. Up until then, our careers were in a sort of limbo. So to get to do the best TV show in the UK with my boyfriend and then fiancé and now husband... it doesn't get much better."

But it means they're living and working together 24/7. Doesn't Aljaž sometimes get on her nerves?

She laughs happily. "Absolutely not. He makes me smile all the time. And we were friends first which I think is important."

Do either of them experience a tinge of jealousy when they see their other half wrapped around someone else on the dance floor?

"No," says Aljaž, "because, in the end, any passion is manufactured. Dancing is acting. It's telling a story with conviction. But it's not real."

Janette nods furiously. "Funnily enough, Gemma Atkinson and I were talking about this when she was Aljaž's partner in 2017. She asked me if it was ok to look into his eyes. I told her she must because otherwise how could she convincingly put across a paso doble, for instance?"

So, the *Strictly* Curse is a nonsense?

"I always say that, for me and Aljaž, *Strictly* is a blessing. And so many other strong relationships have come out of *Strictly*. Look at Gorka and Gemma, Rachel Riley and Pasha. Why focus on the negatives?"

Aljaž is in full agreement. "If your relationship at home is secure, you have nothing to worry about."

It also annoys him that all the hard work that goes into perfecting a dance routine can be overshadowed by superficial speculation on a couple's relationship away from the dance floor.

Each comes from a close-knit family. Aljaž's

is a small and Janette's, she says, is "a huge Cuban army".

The expectation then is that one day they'd like a family of their own.

"We talk about it all the time," says Janette. "The right

time will come along soon enough."

Now that the *Strictly* tour has come to an end, all their considerable powers of concentration will be focused on rehearsing for the *Remembering The Movies* tour.

"The movie week on *Strictly* is one of my favourites," says Janette,

"and the lovely thing," adds Aljaž, "is that, if it's the success we're sure it's going to be, we can do it again the following year and feature a whole range of different films. This one could run and run."

For tickets visit www.rememberingthemovies.com.

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Lion's share for Jack

EATEN BY LIONS (12A, 95 mins)

HALF-BROTHERS embark on a road trip to the bright lights of Blackpool in director Jason Wingard's bittersweet and multicultural buddy comedy.

Eaten By Lions puns gently with a couple of uproarious interludes that play to the strengths of Britain's Got Talent finalist Jack Carroll, who pokes fun at his cerebral

palsy in his stand-up routines.

He delivers some cracking one-liners in his feature film debut, boasting about his powers of seduction to co-star Antonio Aakeel – "I'm like George Clooney in a frame" – who maintains his poker face as Carroll delivers risqué material about children's homes with precision timing.

The young leads are surrounded by an ensemble of homegrown talent including Tom Binns as a bogus fortune teller, whose hilarious predictions linger in the same realms of ridiculousness as his spirit medium, Ian D Montfort.

enclosure of a safari park.

The boys' grandmother (Stephanie Fayerman) takes them in and encourages Omar and Pete to look out for each other.

When she eventually passes, the half-siblings are condemned to the questionable care of their acid-tongued aunt Ellen (Vicki Pepperdine) and her henpecked husband Ken (Kevin Eldon).

They propose adopting Pete but not Omar because, in Ellen's words, "You're not our side."

Desperate to find a place he belongs, Omar ventures to the coast to track down his biological father, with Pete in tow.

En route, the lads encounter seaside worker Amy (Sarah Hoare) and her uncle (Johnny Vegas), who runs the Castle Del Ray bed and breakfast.

Omar's quest for an identity leads to a bumbling man child called Irfan (Asim Chaudhry), who runs the first Pakistani and Indian gift shop in Blackpool.

Eaten By Lions is threaded with the same earthy humour as East Is East, albeit with fewer belly laughs and a narrower focus on the power dynamics within Irfan's dysfunctional family.

The script periodically stumbles, but winning on-screen chemistry between Aakeel and Carroll cajoles Wingard's picture back to its feet.

Released: March 29
RATING: 6/10

Antonio Aakeel as Omar and Jack Carroll as Pete

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Friday, March 29

- Leigh Floral Group – St Saviour's Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LL. Vicki Hease: Treasured Moments. £5. Details: 01702 471476.
- Live music – Preview, RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ. 35th birthday night. Arfur Doo & The Toe Rags, 8.30pm to midnight. Life membership £1.
- Art Exhibition, Becoming Easter by Elizabeth Gray King – Christ Church, Wickford. 10am to 4pm. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until Easter Sunday. Contact Samuel Cyma on 01268 440845 or Mrs Westgarth on 01268 733932.
- Mighty Mites parent and toddler drop-in session – Civic Hall, Grays, 9.15am-12.45pm.
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- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
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Saturday, March 30

- Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society Spring Flower and Homecraft Show – St Augustine's Church hall, SS1 3HB. Doors 2.15pm. Admission 50p, members free.
- Quiz night – St Margaret's Church hall, Lime Ave, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.30pm in aid of Cat action Trust 1977. £4. To book: 01702 477163/540903.
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Sunday, March 31

- Jazz – Royal British Legion, Northview Drive, Westcliff, Ron Spack's Jazz Trio, John Sharpe, saxophone, 1pm, free admission. Details: 01702 347581.
- Family service – Christ Church, Wickford, 10.30am.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm, 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon, 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
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Monday, April 1

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. 8.30pm. Dave Jago, trombone, Dave Mascall, guitar: 01702 512819.
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- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
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- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
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Tuesday, April 2

- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
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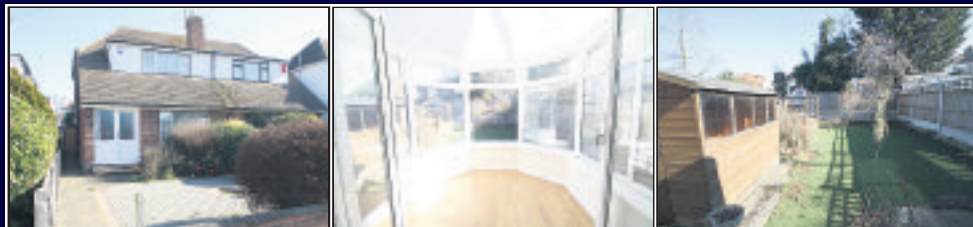


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Castle Road, HADLEIGH / £500,000



3
DOUBLE
BEDS

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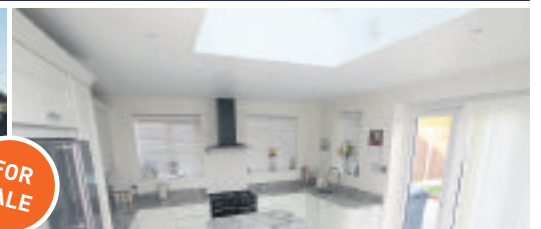
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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA \ £279,995



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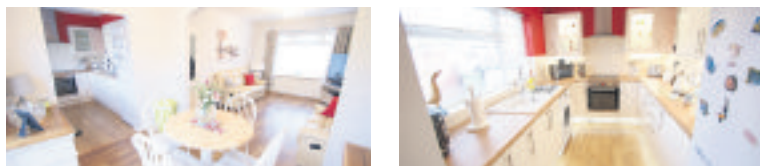
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NEW

RAYLEIGH

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Sporty treatment for Hyundai Tucson

By David Whinyates

HYUNDAI'S Tucson SUV is the latest model in the Korean company's portfolio to get the sporty N Line specification treatment which was first launched on the i30 hatchback last year.

Two versions of the Tucson N Line will be available in the UK when it goes on sale in the early summer powered by either a 1.6-litre petrol turbo engine or a new 1.6-litre diesel with mild-hybrid technology.

Both will be two-wheel drive with a choice of a six speed manual gearbox or seven-speed dual clutch auto transmission.

While it's mostly about the look, the N Line package is more than just cosmetic with suspension and steering enhancements on the petrol model which, oddly, are not included with the hybrid power train.

The suspension mods provide five per cent more

rigidity in the rear setup and eight per cent more at the front, while software changes in the steering give a slightly more direct, linear feel at the wheel, says the company.

N-Line models come with redesigned bumpers, a dark mesh-pattern grille framed by dark chrome, dark 19-inch alloys as well as side mirror housings and a rear spoiler in glossy black.

Black-bezel headlamps, unique LED daytime running lights, darkened window frames and body-coloured door handles complete the exterior design changes.

Inside the Tucson N Line gets N-branded leather-suede sport seats with red accent stitching which is also featured on the steering wheel and leather-wrapped, gear shift lever plus alloy pedals.

UK prices and full specifications have yet to be finalised and will be announced nearer to the expected launch of the N Line variants by early June.



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Raheem Sterling scores England's third goal against the Czech Republic on Friday

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Raheem puts in a sterling performance as England begin Euro campaign

Football

by Brian Jeeves at Wembley Stadium

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RAHEEM Sterling provided the fireworks as impressive England's UEFA Euro 2020 qualification campaign got off to the perfect start as the Czech Republic were simply swept aside on a memorable night at Wembley.

Gareth Southgate added Southampton midfielder James Ward-Prowse and Chelsea frontman, Callum Hudson-Odoi to his squad following the withdrawals of Marcus Rashford, John Stones, Fabian Delph, Luke Shaw, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Ruben Loftus-Cheek, who all returned to their clubs due to nagging injuries.

And despite those hindrances to his plans, the England boss remained upbeat and confident in those still available for selection.

"It is a good opportunity for the others," Southgate explained. "We have loads of creative players. There is real competition for places. If players miss games there is no guarantee they will get back in. It is a challenge for the group."

England started the contest the brighter with Czech stopper, Jiri

Pavlenka, awkwardly palming away Jadon Sancho's troublesome centre, while Sterling's pace offered a further threat to Jaroslav Silhavy's side.

Southgate was handed another injury blow when Tottenham's Eric Dier was forced off early following a robust challenge from Tomas Soucek, his place taken by Ross Barkley. Meanwhile, Vladimir Darida fired over as the visitors began to venture into England territory.

But England were looking the more likely and with their next foray forward they grabbed the lead. The charismatic Sancho rolled across a wide-open goal, providing Sterling with the simplest of opportunities to prod home stretching from close range.

Skipper Harry Kane was crowded out as the Three Lions looked to double their advantage. And in first-half stoppage time, they were provided with the perfect opportunity.

A combination of Pavel Kaderabek and Tomas Kalas felled Sterling, handing Kane the responsibility to fire home the resulting spot-kick.

Soucek was a whicker away from reducing the deficit, sending a glancing header marginally the

wrong side of an upright immediately after the restart. Then, David Pavelka passed up an even better chance, directing into Jordan Pickford's gloves after finding himself unmarked six yards from goal.

Soucek then turned saviour for the Czechs, blocking from Sancho after Dele Alli had provided an opening. But another England goal wasn't long in coming.

Sterling fluently turned and finished for his second of the evening, all but killing the contest.

West Ham's Declan Rice was handed his first England cap, coming on for Alli. But it was all about Sterling, and the Manchester City man completed his hat-trick – aided by a huge deflection off Ondrej Celustka – much to the delight of the jubilant home crowd.

It was now simply a case of how many for England – but there was to be only one more as they made it 5-0 in comical fashion – Kalas directing into his own goal after Pavlenka had saved Hudson-Odoi's initial effort six minutes from time.

After the game, Southgate heaped praise on Sterling after the forward became the first England player to score a hat-trick at Wembley since Jermaine Defoe achieved that par-

ticular feat against Bulgaria back in September 2010.

"I thought he was electric all night," Southgate beamed.

"He's been like that all week in training. He was involved in four of the goals and it was a great night for him.

"He's really matured as a person and as a footballer and he's hungry for those goals now.

"He's determined to get in the right areas of the pitch and the quality of his finishing, he's just hitting things instinctively without thinking too much."

England: Jordan Pickford, Kyle Walker, Ben Chilwell, Eric Dier (Ross Barkley 17), Michael Keane, Harry Maguire, Jadon Sancho, Jordan Henderson, Harry Kane, Dele Alli (Declan Rice 63'), Raheem Sterling (Callum Hudson-Odoi 70') Subs not used: Tom Heaton, Jack Butland, Kieran Trippier, Danny Rose, James Tarkowski, James Ward-Prowse, Callum Wilson.

Czech Republic: Jiri Pavlenka, Pavel Kaderabek, Ondrej Celustka, Theodor Gebre Selassie, Tomas Kalas, Vladimir Darida (capt) (Lukas Masopust 67'), David Pavelka, Jakub Jankto (Matej Vydra 46'), Tomas Soucek, Patrik Schick (Milan Skoda 82'), Filip Novak Subs not used: Ondrej Kolar, Tomas Koubek, Vladimir Coufal, Jaromir Zmrhal, Bozek Dockal, Martin Frydek, Lukas Masopust, Alex Král, Marek Suchy, Ondrej Kudela.

Referee: Artur Dias (Portugal)
Assistants: Rui Tavares, Paulo Soares
Fourth Official: Hugo Miguel
Attendance: 82,575

Non-league football

Orient through to Wembley final

LEYTON Orient are Wembley-bound after booking a Buildbase FA Trophy final date with AFC Fylde. Goals from Matt Harrold and Josh Coulson saw the east Londoners win by the odd goal in three at AFC Telford United, completing a 3-1 success on aggregate.

The O's arrived in Shropshire holding a narrow advantage thanks to Macauley Bonne's first-leg goal a week before and any nerves were soon settled when Harrold slid home to double their advantage just six minutes in.

Telford continued to battle and got back into the tie when Ellis Deeney levelled shortly before the break. But Orient were not to be denied a showpiece final. Coulson nodded home in the final stages, sending the travelling contingent wild.

National League title rivals Solihull Moors, Wrexham and Salford City, had all dropped points, leaving Justin Edinburgh's men still top of the table on goal difference with games in hand.

Relegation-threatened Braintree Town's bid to beat the drop is now looking a hopeless cause after losing 4-2 to Bromley at Cressing Road. Kodi Lyons-Foster and Mo Sagaf scored late for the Iron, but it was too little too late as George Porter, Luke Coulson, Frankie Raymond and JJ Hooper had given the Ravens a four-goal advantage.

Chelmsford City continued their push for a National South play-off place with a 3-0 win at Truro City. Rhys Murphy bagged a brace while Chez Issac was also on target for the Clarets who move up to fourth place.

Concord Rangers were edged out by a second-half goal from Kyle Cameron as league leaders Torquay Utd plundered the points at the Aspect Arena. Billericay Town were also frustratingly beaten as struggling Hungerford Town won by the odd goal in three at the AGP Arena. Adam Coombes had given the Blues the lead five minutes after the break.

Sam Higgins and Rickie Hayles found the net for East Thurrock Utd, but they remain in a relegation dogfight after slipping to a 3-2 defeat at Hemel Hempstead Town.

In the Bostik League Premier Division, the ever-green Jamie Cureton hit the only goal of the game as Bishop's Stortford took all three points against AFC Hornchurch at Bridge Avenue.

Bowers & Pitsea's incredible Bostik North campaign continued as the league leaders recorded a 9-0 victory over Barking at the Len Salmon Stadium. David Knight led the way with four goals, while Lewis Manor hit a hat-trick. Bradley Warner and Quentin Monville completed the rout.

Bowers are now 12 points clear of Maldon & Tiptree who won 4-2 at Romford. Eddie-Louis Dsane scored three times for the Jammers while Laste Dombaxe was also on target. John Maskell and Greg Akpele responded for Romford.

Coggeshall Town remain in contention after second-half goals from Nnamdi Nwachuku, Mekhi McLeod and Ross Wal confirmed a 3-0 success over Basildon Utd. Aveley are also in the play-off places after a Sam Bantick hat-trick saw off Mildenhall Town 3-0 at Parkside.

Toib Adeyemi and Jack Adlington-Pile were on target as Heybridge Swifts came from behind to beat Grays Athletic 2-1. Grays had taken a first-half lead when Daniel Walker put through his own goal.

Great Wakering Rovers pulled away from the relegation places with a 3-0 win at Tilbury. Firmin Ngandu (pen), Shomari Barnwell and Billy Johnson all found the net for the Villagers.

Canvey Island went down 1-0 at Soham Town Rangers, while Brentwood Town also ended empty-handed as they slipped to a 3-0 loss at Felixstowe & Walton Utd.

Saffron Walden Town won a dramatic Essex Senior League encounter at Barkingside 3-2.

Southend Manor picked up a morale-boosting 2-0 victory over Sawbridgeworth Town at Southchurch Park, while both Takely and West Essex won by the same margin against Tower Hamlets and Redbridge respectively.

Blues sack Powell

STRUGGLING Southend United, have parted company with manager, Chris Powell.

The former England defender was under severe pressure following an eleven-match winless run which has seen the Shrimpers slip within one place of the relegation zone.

A statement on the Blues official website explained: "It is with much regret that the club has this morning terminated Chris Powell's contract.

"The results over a number of weeks, 11 games without a win, has impacted all concerned and immediate changes needed to be made.

Head of the club's successful academy, Ricky Duncan, will take temporary charge of the first team squad.

Saxons praised despite defeat

Colchester RFC 28-25 Southend Saxons

By Brian Jeeves

HEAD of Rugby, Josh Ward, heaped praise on his Southend Saxons side despite seeing them slip to a narrow, but controversial 28-25 London One North defeat at high-flying Colchester.

"I'm incredibly proud of the boy's for their efforts today," Ward explained to *Yellow Sport*.

"We pushed a top-two side - who knows what the last 12 minutes may have held?"

Ward's reference to time-keeping came after he believed the match referee had cut the game 12 minutes short, a criticism which was shared by the hosts via their official Twitter page.

"I'm disappointed for our boys, things like time-keeping shouldn't make headlines over a fiercely

competitive game," the Saxons chief bemoaned.

"Accurately recording the allocated playing time is a basic requirement for a referee. I'm not saying we would have won the game, but I feel we were in the ascendancy at the time. I'm baffled and quite angry with what has happened."

But Ward tried to focus attention on his side's battling display, adding: "Colchester are a good side and at times we lacked accuracy and as you'd expect, they took their chances.

"But this performance was a brilliant measure of where we are now as a group. Some of the rugby we played today was outstanding."

Southend Saxons return to London One North action on Saturday, March 30, facing North Walsham at Warners Bridge (3pm).

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